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COUNTRY: NORTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT: EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
NETWORK IN HAIPHONG-HANOI AREA.

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1. AS A RESULT OF RECENT AMERICAN AIR RAIDS, UTILITIES  
IN THE CITIES OF HAIPHONG AND HANOI ARE SEVERELY CRIPPLED.  
TRUCK TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS FROM THE HAIPHONG PORT AREA AND  
FROM HAIPHONG TO HANOI HAVE BEEN IMPEDED BY SEVERE DAMAGE TO  
THE ROADS.

2. THE CITY OF HAIPHONG IS ON A WATER RATIONING SYSTEM  
AND ITS WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN SEVERELY

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DAMAGED. IN ADDITION, ITS ELECTRICAL POWER, ALTHOUGH IN OPERATION IN MOST ALL AREAS, IS SUBJECT TO FREQUENT SHORT BLACKOUTS AND BREAKDOWNS. THE PRINCIPAL ROADS LEADING FROM THE PORT AREA ARE SO POKED BY HUGE BOMB HOLES THAT TRANSPORTATION IN FOUR-WHEEL VEHICLES IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND NO MAJOR SUPPLY LOADS CAN BE CARRIED. SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN REMOVED PIECEMEAL FROM THE DOCKS IN MANY INSTANCES BY BICYCLES AND TRICYCLES.

3. HANOI'S WATER SYSTEM IS STILL FUNCTIONING PROPERLY BUT ITS ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ARE STILL OUT IN MANY PARTS OF THE CITY. ELECTRICAL RATIONING IS IN EFFECT AND THE CITY IS PRIMARILY DEPENDENT ON THE AUXILIARY POWER FACILITY.

4. IN HANOI THE MAIN FEAR IS THAT THE DIKES OF THE RIVER DAM, WHICH WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED BY RECENT BOMBINGS, HAVE BECOME SO WEAKENED THAT THE DAM WILL BURST ONCE THE HEAVY SEASONAL RAINS START AND CREATE MORE PRESSURE. THIS WOULD CAUSE FLOODING AND ATTENDANT UTILITY AND TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS IN HANOI.

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